

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A device comprising:

5 a switch, disposed on said device, for turning power to a receptacle on or off;
a member coupled to the device and having a first position which ~~prevents~~ allows a plug
~~from being to be~~ inserted into said receptacle and a second position which ~~allows~~ prevents the
plug ~~to be~~ from being inserted into the receptacle; and

10 connecting means coupled to said member and to said switch to enable said switch to
connect the receptacle to a source of power when said member is in said ~~first~~ second position.

2. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said connecting means disables said
switch from connecting said receptacle to a source of power when said member is in said ~~second~~
first position.

15 3. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 and further comprising a locking means for
locking the plug to the receptacle when said member is in said ~~first~~ second position.

20 4. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 3 wherein said locking means disables said
receptacle from accepting said plug when said member is in said ~~first~~ second position.

25 5. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said connecting means turns said
switch to the off position when said member is moved from the ~~first~~ second position to said
~~second~~ first position.

6. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the plug and the receptacle are
standard ~~receptacles~~.

30 7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, ~~and~~ further comprising a mounting lug
disposed on said housing.

8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, ~~and~~ further comprising a gasket mounted on said receptacle.

5 9. (Original) The device of claim 5, further comprising a gasket hold down clamp mounted on said receptacle.

10. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said connecting means comprises a first linkage and a second linkage, said first linkage and said second linkage are connected to each other.

10 11. (Original) The device of claim 10, wherein said first linkage is connected to said member.

15 12. (Original) The device of claim 10, wherein said second linkage is operable to operate said switch.

13. (Original) The device of claim 10, and further comprising a cam attached to said switch.

20 14. (Original) The device of claim 13, wherein said second linkage is operable to move said cam thereby moving said switch.

25 15. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising:
a spring clip attached to said member; and
an indexer operably attached to said spring clip to cause said member to remain in said first or said second positions.

30 16. (Original) The device of claim 15, further comprising:
knubs attached to said spring clip; and
indentations disposed on said indexer, such that said knubs on said spring clip fit into said indentations.

17. (Currently Amended) A housing comprising:

a receptacle;

a member coupled to the housing and having a first position which ~~prevents~~ allows a plug
5 ~~from being to be~~ inserted into or removed from the receptacle and a second position which
~~allows~~ prevents a plug ~~to be~~ from being inserted into or removed from the receptacle, and
connecting means coupled to the member to enable the receptacle to be connected to a
source of power when the member is in the ~~first~~ second position.

10 18. (Original) An actuating mechanism for operating a switch and other electrical device
comprising:

an enclosure including an electrical plug receiving receptacle;

a switch which is selectively positionable in "on" or "off" positions, said switch being
electrically connected with said receptacle; and,

15 a handle which is movably mounted on the exterior of said enclosure;

an actuating linkage means for operatively connecting said switch and said handle such
that when said handle is in a first position a plug may be connected to said receptacle and said
switch may not be placed in the on position, and a second position which keeps a plug from
being inserted or removed when said switch is placed in the on position.

20 19. (Currently Amended) The mechanism as set forth in claim 18, further including a
locking means operatively connected with said actuating linkage means and with said receptacle
for locking said ~~toggle switch lever~~ in the "off" position in the absence of a plug fully received in
said receptacle and for locking said plug fully received in said receptacle in the absence of said
25 switch being in the "off" position.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of coupling a plug to a receptacle comprising the steps
of:

providing a member having a first position for ~~blocking~~ permitting the plug ~~from being~~ to
be inserted into or being removed from the receptacle and a second position for ~~permitting~~
blocking the plug ~~to be~~ from being inserted into or removed from the receptacle;

placing the member into the ~~second~~ first position;

5 connecting the plug to the receptacle;

moving the member into a the second position where the plug may not be removed from
the receptacle and enabling the receptacle to be coupled to a source of power.

21. (Original) A method of coupling a plug to a receptacle comprising the steps of:

10 moving, to a first position, a member coupled to a switch, the member having a first
position which allows the plug to be inserted into or removed from said receptacle;

connecting the plug to the receptacle;

moving, to a second position, the member coupled to a switch, the member having a
second position which prevents the plug from being inserted into or removed from the

15 receptacle; and

moving a switch from an off position to an on position, the switch only operable to be
moved to an on position when the member is in the second position.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of moving, to a second position,
20 locks the plug into the receptacle.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the switch is turned to the off position if the
member is moved from the second position to the first position.

25 24. (Currently amended) A housing comprising:

a receptacle;

a member coupled to the housing and having a first position which ~~prevents~~ allows a plug
~~from being~~ to be inserted into or removed from the receptacle and a second position which
~~allows~~ prevents a plug ~~to be~~ from being inserted into or removed from the receptacle, and

30 switching means to enable the receptacle to be connected to a source of power.

25. (Previously added) A switching mechanism for operating an electrical device comprising:

an enclosure including an electrical plug receiving receptacle;

5 a switch which is selectively positionable in "on" or "off" positions, said switch being electrically connected with said receptacle;

a handle which is movably mounted on the exterior of said enclosure from a first to a second position;

mechanical means operable such that when said handle is in a first position a plug may be
10 connected to said receptacle, and a second position which keeps a plug from being inserted or removed.

26. (Currently amended) A device comprising:

a switch, disposed on said device, for turning power to a receptacle on or off;

15 a member coupled to the device and having a first position which ~~prevents~~ allows a plug ~~from being to be~~ inserted into said receptacle and a second position which allows ~~prevents~~ the plug to be inserted into the receptacle.

27. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 26, wherein the plug and the receptacle are
20 standard ~~receptacles~~.

28. (Previously added) The device of claim 26, and further comprising a mounting lug disposed on said housing.

25 29. (Previously added) The device of claim 26, and further comprising a gasket mounted on said receptacle.

30. (Previously added) The device of claim 29, further comprising a gasket hold down clamp mounted on said receptacle.